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## TOGO'S SECOND ATTEMPT TO BLOCK PORT ARTHUR

Four Large Steamers Sent in Quickly Destroyed  
by Russians.

Japanese Fleet of Sixteen Warships Turned About When Makaroff Went Out to Meet Them.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—It is stated that one Russian torpedo boat was sunk in the engagement at Port Arthur this morning, but it is thought the vessel can be refloated.

Tien Tsun March 27.—(Official.) At noon today the Russians proclaimed New Chuang under martial law.

Chefoo, March 27.—The Japanese have made another attempt to block the entrance to Port Arthur. At 3 o'clock this (Sunday) morning four stone laden steamers escorted by eight torpedo boats approached the harbor. They were discovered by the Russian vessels on scouting duty, and as they drew nearer, the Russian forts and the ships, which were anchored in the roadstead, opened fire on them and sunk them.

The Japanese fleet, which consisted of sixteen ships all told, remained off Port Arthur until daylight. At this hour the Russian vessels weighed anchor, whereupon the Japanese vessels disappeared.

The fate of the crews on the stone laden steamers is not known. Since the arrival at Port Arthur of Vice Admiral Makaroff the Russian fleet has been more active.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.—An official dispatch from Port Arthur to the emperor says that at 1 o'clock this morning the Russian searchlights disclosed four large merchant steamers making for the entrance of the harbor, supported by six torpedo boats. A heavy fire was opened on them by the batteries and some warships.

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## RIGOROUS PRESS CENSORSHIP TORNADO IN MISSOURI

Little News Allowed to Leak Out From the Mining Camps  
of Colorado—President Moyer is Still in Jail.

DENVER, Colo., March 27.—Because of a rigorous censorship in force at Telluride and Trinidad, where martial law prevails, dispatches from those places are necessarily brief and considerably delayed. Information arriving tonight indicates that conditions are peaceable and quiet. President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, who was arrested at Ouray yesterday and taken to Telluride on the charge of deserting the flag is still in jail at the latter place. He is awaiting the arrival of counsel from this city. News from Trinidad tells of the arrest of two Italians by a detachment of the military because they would not tell of the hiding places of several boxes of arms that were shipped in since martial law went into effect. Major Hill, in command at Trinidad, traced the alleged shipment through a receipt given to an express company. The desertion of "Mother" Jones, William Wardlaw, Joseph Pagnini and other strike leaders is the sole topic of discussion. President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America has been communicated with and it is expected he will take some action to have them all returned to Trinidad under permission of the military authorities.

## SUICIDE NEAR HELPER RATHBONE WANTS A REHEARING

Peter Tryon, a Rancher, Ends His Troubles With a Pistol.

(Special to The Herald.)  
Helper, Utah, March 27.—Peter Tryon, a prominent and well-to-do ranchman living a few miles east of Helper, suicided here this afternoon by shooting himself behind the right ear with a 44-Cal. revolver. Death was instantaneous. The act is attributed to family troubles. Some four or five months ago he was married to Mrs. Lavina McCombs of Helper, and it was to her home here that he came today to terminate his life. After the marriage of the couple Tryon and wife went to the latter's ranch, but after a few weeks' residence there the couple disagreed and the woman returned to Helper with her children by a former husband to reside. Tryon, it is stated, tried to effect a reconciliation, but to no purpose. Later, to free herself of Tryon, his wife went to Grand Junction, Colo., and had been back from there but a few days. In the meantime Tryon remained at his ranch, making an occasional visit to his wife. Failing to make up today, and the affair having proved upon his mind, he ended all by blowing out his brains. A coroner's inquest was held tonight. The burial will be tomorrow. Tryon came from Missouri a number of years ago, and was one of the oldest settlers in Castle Valley.

Appeal for a Review of His Case by Congress Filed With the Senate Committee on Relations With Cuba—Request Ignored.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Senator Platt of Connecticut, chairman of the senate committee on relations with Cuba, has received from Major E. G. Rathbone an appeal for a review of his case by congress. He called attention to the investigation of the protests against the confinement of General Leonard Wood, had recently by the senate committee on military affairs.

Major Rathbone has on file with Senator Platt's committee a request for an investigation of the circumstances under which he was convicted of complicity in the Cuban frauds, but no action ever has been taken in the matter.

## TRAINS BLASTED OUT

Snow Plows Could Not Budge the Drift on the Great Northern.

St. Paul, March 27.—The first transcontinental train to get through the snow blockade in North Dakota reached St. Paul over the Great Northern road at 10 o'clock today. Another train came in during the afternoon, and two more are expected to reach the city some time tonight. The officials report that the line is again open and traffic has been resumed, although there is still some delay.

No Northern Pacific coast train has yet reached St. Paul, and the road is still tied up west of Dickinson, N. D. It is expected, however, that the blockade will be broken tonight.

Passengers on the delayed trains state that they were well cared for, and, because of the inconvenience of being tied up, there was no suffering.

Officials of the northern lines state that this has been one of the fiercest winter seasons in the history of the country, and that even the experienced and that even the experienced rotary plows which were sent against the drifts pushed by three heavy engines were almost powerless to cope with the huge mountain of ice and snow, and that in many instances blasting had to be resorted to.

**FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT.**  
New York, March 27.—Four persons in an automobile, owned by a wealthy man, were killed and three were thrown out while the car was swinging around a sharp curve in Central park today. Miss Florence Maas of the Hotel Endicott was picked up unconscious and died soon after being taken home, and Solomon Strook was seriously injured. The others escaped unhurt.

**NINETY KILLED.**  
Hamburg, March 27.—According to a dispatch received here, there were ninety killed, including thirteen white persons, in the tornado that caused ruin throughout the island of Reunion March 21 and 22.

**HARRY WILSON DEAD.**  
Washington, March 27.—Harry L. Wilson, one of the most expert telegraphers in the country and for some years day chief operator for the Associated Press in this city, died of neuritis of the heart, aged 44 years. He leaves a widow and eight children.

## MISSIONARIES MAKE COMPLAINT

Belgians Accused of Cruelty in Congo Free State.

## MESSAGE TO KING LEOPOLD SPEAKS OF HIS EARLY LIFE

MONARCH HAS SENT DOCUMENTS IN REPLY. PRESENTS A TESTIMONIAL OF PREVIOUS CHARACTER.

LONDON, March 27.—The following telegrams have been exchanged between the Associated Press and King Leopold of Belgium:

"To his majesty Leopold II, king of Belgium, Brussels.  
"The Associated Press, representing the newspaper press of the United States, would be happy to cable to the United States any statement your majesty might see fit to make in relation to the charges against the government of the Congo Free State regarding atrocities committed upon the natives, made to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hay by a delegation from the missionary congress.

"The American press is anxious to hear both sides of the case and would welcome any reply from your majesty to the allegations of the missionaries that their rights are not respected and that the natives are now in a worse condition than under the Arab slave regime."

"Manager the Associated Press."  
King Leopold replied through his secretary as follows:

"Manager the Associated Press: The king attaches great importance to the impartial sentiment of the American press. I have mailed you official documents from the Congo Free State, in which you will find all the facts essential to a full and truthful statement of the case.

"CARTEON DE WIART."  
"Secretary to the King."  
Story of the Missionaries.

Representatives of the American Baptist and Southern Presbyterian churches and the Disciples of Christ African missions called upon President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay Friday last and described the attitude of the missionaries as viewed from the missionary standpoint. The principal feature of the conference between the president and secretary and the missionaries consisted in the discussion of the atrocities practiced on the natives by the Belgian rulers. The missionaries said that their work was rendered nearly valueless by the attitude of the Belgian officials, who monopolized all the food supplies, making it difficult for the missions to procure vegetables or fowls or anything to eat from the natives, who were obliged to turn their produce into the hands of the officers. Then by the cruelties practiced upon the natives the latter were driven away from the missions, and the schools were emptied. In addition it was pointed out that no respect was shown for the proper rights of the missionaries, and that on this last ground that the delegation thought the United States government might interfere.

Asked for Written Statement.

Secretary Hay asked the missionaries to reduce their views to a written memorandum, which, he said, he would consider, though he could not hold out any definite promise of ratification. He said that the missionaries were not one of the signatories to the treaty under which the Congo Free State came into existence. A statement of the events leading up to the present condition of affairs was subsequently prepared by the delegation for transmission to the state department, in which it was declared that as a result of the absolute power of the king of the Belgians the freedom of trade guaranteed by the conference of Berlin was now a thing of the past. The president promised to give the subject full before him by the missionaries careful consideration and to request that he be supplied with an accurate and detailed statement of it.

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## BURTON ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT

St. Louis, March 27.—The jury in the case of United States Senator Joseph R. Burton of Kansas, charged with illegally accepting fees from the Rialto Grain company, had not reached a verdict up to a late hour tonight. The jury went out at 7:30 Saturday evening. The United States district court was kept open all day and court officials remained on duty to summon Judge Adams from his residence and have court reconvened at any time that the jury might be ready to report.

During the day and into the night Senator Burton paced the corridors of the Southern hotel, anxiously awaiting the verdict. He declined to discuss the deliberation by the jury, simply saying, as he turned away from those who questioned: "I can't talk about it."

Great interest in the outcome of the case was manifested today.

## SOME FOOL SHOUTED "FIRE!"

New Haven, Conn., March 27.—A panic occurred at the morning service in St. Michael's Italian church here today in which almost a score of persons were injured. Four women and two children were seriously hurt. During prayer some one in the congregation shouted "Fire!" Immediately the worshippers arose and rushed for the door at the rear, the only exit. Women and children were trampled and dragged along the floor by others in their endeavor to get out of the building. Some men sent a fire alarm, and a fire alarm, and the firemen succeeded in forcing back the struggling mass that had become wedged in the doorway.

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